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SUBJECT: INTERIOR MINISTER SARKOZY ON EVE OF HIS TRIP TO  
THE U.S.

Classified By: Ambassador Craig Stapleton for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (C) Summary: Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy told Ambassador September 5 he was "proud and honored" to be meeting with President Bush on  
"Proud and Honored to Meet with President Bush"

2. (C) Sarkozy underlined to the Ambassador his gratitude to the President for making room in his schedule for a meeting with Sarkozy (a drop-

3. (C) Sarkozy and the Ambassador discussed the importance of Sarkozy's establishing "informal contacts" with U.S. leaders before the French p

Confident about his Own Prospects

4. (C) Turning to French domestic politics, Sarkozy exuded confidence about his own presidential prospects. He was uncharacteristically relaxe

5. (C) Sarkozy was nearly cavalier in his dismissal of the capabilities of Poitou-Charentes Region President and Socialist Party frontrunner S  
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presidential candidacy against his. (Comment: Ever since her emergence as a highly popular presidential contender a year ago, Royal has been un

An Unforgettable Scene

6. (C) As the Ambassador was about to leave, Sarkozy went to the line of floor-to-ceiling windows that open from the interior minister's offic  
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